# **AMERICAN STUDIES**

At Stonehill, the American Studies major is built upon our belief that the study of American society and culture, as well as the history of the field of American Studies, allows students to develop skills in critical inquiry, communication, cultural knowledge and self-reflection that in turn engender their desire to advance social justice.

American Studies majors have the opportunity to draw upon the strengths of faculty in several departments, typically taking courses in History, English, Sociology, Communication, Political Science, Economics, Visual & Performing Arts and Religion, among others.

#### **RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES**

#### Stonehill Undergraduate Research Experience

This is an opportunity for students who have completed their first year at Stonehill to perform significant, publishable, full-time research under the guidance of and in collaboration with an experienced faculty researcher.

#### HONORS SOCIETY AFFILIATION

Lambda Epsilon Sigma Stonehill's campuswide honor society

#### **INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Places where Stonehill students have recently interned include:

- American Textile Museum
- Brockton Enterprise
- Canterbury Shaker Village
- Governor's Office
- Historic New England
- John F. Kennedy Library
- Massachusetts Historical Society
- Museum of Fine Arts
- Museum of Our National Heritage
- National Archives and Records
- The Paul Revere Memorial Association
- Plimoth Plantation
- State Legislature
- U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum

### **CAREER OUTCOMES**

Places where Stonehill graduates have recently been employed include:

- Accrediting Council for
  Independent Colleges and Schools
- Boston Teacher Residency
- City Year
- Dana Farber Cancer Institute
- Defense Institute of International Legal Studies
- Hartford Symphony Orchestra
- Hewlett-Packard
- Internal Revenue Service
- John Hancock
- Lifespan
- Old Colony YMCA
- Old Slater Mill Association
- Scope Medical LLC
- State of New Jersey Public Defenders' Office
- Teach for America
- U.S. Marine Corps
- Various school systems



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#### GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL STUDIES

Places where Stonehill graduates have recently attended a full- or part-time graduate program include:

- American University
- Boston College
- George Washington University
- Lesley University
- Simmons College
- Suffolk University
- Tufts University
- University of Westminster School of Arts

"The interdisciplinary format of the American Studies program gives students the ability to encounter new ideas and themes that they would not otherwise be exposed to if restricted to only history or sociology perspectives."

 Melanie MacKezie '12
 Graduate student in the American and New England Studies program at the University of Southern Maine

#### **CAREER SERVICES RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS**

#### General

• The Office of Career Services offers extensive assistance to students seeking employment, pursuing advanced studies or participating in postgraduate service opportunities. By completing internships and utilizing mentors, students are empowered to build lifelong career management skills.

#### **American Studies-specific**

- Extensive on-campus recruiting program for internships and entry-level jobs.
- Annual career fairs and graduate school information sessions.
- Externships and internships in New York; Washington, D.C.; and Los Angeles (weeklong and semesterlong programs).

#### **Active mentors**

- Caring Unlimited
  *Public Awareness and Community Support Coordinator*
- Smithsonian Institution Education Specialist
- U.S. Attorney's Office *Clerk*
- Youth for Understanding USA *Field Director*

## Stonehill at a Glance

Founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross, Stonehill College values integrity, tradition and the rewards that come when you pair rigorous academics with world-class faculty committed to their students' success. Our nationally recognized experiential learning programs and focus on service shape graduates into compassionate leaders and global thinkers.

- 2,590 full-time students (1,588 women, 1,002 men).
- 93% of students live on campus.
- 167 full-time faculty (100% of classes taught by professors).
- 13:1 student/faculty ratio (average class size: 19 students).
- Tuition: \$36,160. Room and board: \$13,710.
- 86% retention rate.

- 93% of enrolled students receive financial assistance. Average freshman award, including scholarships, grants, federal student loans and work study, is \$25,451.
- \$50.5 million: amount of aid Stonehill students received in 2013-2014 academic year.
- 80% of the Class of 2013 completed an internship-related experience while at Stonehill.

OF ALUMNI ARE IN CAREERS, TOP GRADUATE PROGRAMS OR VOLUNTEERING WITHIN ONE YEAR OF

**GRADUATION** 

- Ranked in the top 10% nationally for opportunities abroad, Stonehill offers internships, study and service travel programs around the globe.
- 91% of students participate in internships, study abroad, research practicum or fieldwork.
- 50% of the class of 2013 had secured a job by graduation, double the national average of 25%.